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§ 791.2 Number of votes required for board action.

The agreement of at least two of the three Board members is required for any action by the Board.

§ 791.3 Voting by proxy.

Proxy voting shall not be allowed for any action by the Board.

§ 791.4 Methods of acting.

(a) *Board meetings*—(1) *Applicability of the Sunshine Act.* The Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b, “Sunshine Act”) requires that joint deliberations of the Board be held in accordance with its open meetings provisions (5 U.S.C. 552b (b) through (f)). (Subpart C of this part contains NCUA’s regulations implementing the Sunshine Act.)

(2) *Presiding officer.* The Chairman is the presiding officer, and in the Chairman’s absence, the designated Vice Chairman shall preside. The presiding officer shall make procedural rulings. Any Board member may appeal a ruling made by the presiding officer. The appeal of a procedural ruling by the presiding officer shall be immediately considered by the Board, and a majority decision by the Board shall decide the procedural ruling.

(b) *Notation voting.* Notation voting is the circulation of written memoranda and voting sheets to the office of each Board member simultaneously and the tabulation of responses.

(1) *Matters that may be decided by notation voting.* Notation voting may be used only for administrative or time sensitive matters, for example, enforcement or interagency actions requiring prompt Board action matters.

(2) *Notation vote sheets.* Notation vote sheets will be used to record the vote tally on a notation vote. The Secretary of the Board has administrative responsibility over notation voting, including the authority to establish deadlines for voting, receive notation vote sheets, count votes, and determine whether further action is required.

(3) *Veto of notation voting.* In view of public policy for openness reflected in the Sunshine Act, each Board member is authorized to veto the use of notation voting for the consideration of any particular matter, and thus requires that the matter be placed on the agen-

da of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting that is held at least ten days after the date of the veto.

(4) *Disclosure of result.* A record is to be maintained of Board transactions by use of the notation voting procedure. Public disclosure of this record is determined by the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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§ 791.5 Scheduling of board meetings.

(a) *Meeting calls*—(1) *Regular meetings.* The Board will hold regular meetings each month unless there is no business or a quorum is not available. The Secretary of the Board will coordinate the dates for meetings.

(2) *Special meetings.* The Chairman shall call special meetings either on the Chairman’s own initiative or within fourteen days of a request from two Board members that is accompanied by an NCUA B-1 form and a Board Action Memorandum that states the specific issue(s) or action(s) to be considered by the Board.

(b) *Notice of meetings*—(1) *Notifying the public.* The Sunshine Act and subpart C set forth the procedures for notifying the public of Board meetings.

(2) *Notifying board members*—(i) *Special meetings.* Except in cases of emergency, as determined by a majority of the Board, each Board member is entitled to receive notice of any special meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting. The notice shall set forth the place, day, hour, and nature of business to be transacted at the meeting. In cases of emergency a record of the vote, including a statement explaining the decision that an emergency exists, will be maintained.

(ii) *Regular meetings.* Each Board member is entitled to receive notice of the agenda and/or notice of any changes in the subject matter of such meetings concurrent with the public release of such notices under the Sunshine Act. Each Board member shall be entitled to at least twenty-four hours advance notice of the consideration of a particular subject matter, except in cases of emergency as determined by a majority of the Board. In cases of

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emergency, a record of the vote, including a statement explaining the decision that an emergency exists, will be maintained.

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§ 791.6 Subject matter of a meeting.

(a) *Agenda.* The Chairman is responsible for the final order of each meeting agenda. Items shall be placed on the agenda by determination of the Chairman or, at the request of any Board Member, an item will be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting provided that the request is submitted at least ten days in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting and is accompanied by an NCUA B-1 form and a Board Action Memorandum that states the specific issue(s) or action(s) to be considered by the Board.

(b) *Submission of recommended agenda items.* Recommended agenda items may be submitted to the Secretary of the Board by Board members, the Executive Staff (which includes all Office Directors and President of the Central Liquidity Facility), and Regional Directors.

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Subpart B—Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations

§ 791.7 Scope.

The rules contained in this subpart B pertain to the promulgation of NCUA rules and regulations.

§ 791.8 Promulgation of NCUA rules and regulations.

(a) NCUA's procedures for developing regulations are governed by the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), and NCUA's policies for the promulgation of rules and regulations as set forth in its Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement 87-2 as amended by Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement 03-2.

(b) *Proposed rulemaking.* Notices of proposed rulemaking are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER except as speci-

fied in paragraph (d) of this section or as otherwise provided by law. A notice of proposed rulemaking may also be identified as a "request for comments" or as a "proposed rule." The notice will include:

(1) A statement of the nature of the rulemaking proceedings;

(2) Reference to the authority under which the rule is proposed;

(3) Either the terms or substance of the proposed rule or a description of the subjects and issues involved; and

(4) A statement of the effect of the proposed rule on state-chartered federally-insured credit unions.

(c) *Public participation.* After publication of notice of proposed rulemaking, interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the making of the rule through the submission of written data, views, or arguments, delivered within the time prescribed in the notice of proposed rulemaking, to the Secretary, NCUA Board, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428. Interested persons may also petition the Board for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of any rule by mailing such petition to the Secretary of the Board at the address given in this section.

(d) *Exceptions to notice.* The following are not subject to the notice requirement contained in paragraph (b) of this section:

(1) Matters relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts;

(2) When persons subject to the proposed rule are named and either personally served or otherwise have actual notice thereof in accordance with law;

(3) Interpretive rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure or practice, unless notice or hearing is required by statute; and

(4) If the Board, for good cause, finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, unless notice or hearing is required by statute.

(e) *Effective dates.* No substantive rule issued by NCUA shall be effective less than 30 days after its publication in the